

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for determining a power status comprising:  
detecting a current associated with a power source of a display device; and  
determining said power status of said display device in accordance with said current.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said display device is one of a television and a digital video recorder.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting said power status to a head-end unit.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising conditioning a transmission of a signal to said display device upon said power status.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing for a download of data by an in-band frequency if said power status indicates that said display device is off.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising adjusting transmission of at least one of a message, a reminder, and a programming signal based on said power status.
7. A system for determining a power status comprising:  
a display device;  
a sensor configured to detect a current associated with a power source of said display device; and  
a detection device communicatively coupled to said display device and to said sensor, wherein said detection device is configured to determine said power status of said display device in accordance with said current.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein said detection device is a set-top box configured to process television services.

9. The system of claim 7, wherein said display device is one of a television and a digital video recorder.

10. The system of claim 7, further comprising a head-end unit configured to access data associated with said power status of said display device.

11. The system of claim 7, wherein said detection device is configured to power on if said power status indicates that said display device transitions from an off state to an on state.

12. The system of claim 7, wherein said detection device is configured to switch to a standby mode if said power status indicates that said display device transitions from an on state to an off state.

13. The system of claim 7, wherein said detection device is configured to adjust transmission of at least one of a message, a reminder, and a programming signal if said power status indicates that said display device is off.

14. The system of claim 7, wherein said detection device is configured to download data from a head-end unit by an in-band frequency if said power status indicates that said display device is off.

15. A system for determining a power status comprising:  
a detection means communicatively coupled to a display means; and  
a sensing means communicatively coupled to said detection means, said sensing means being configured to detect a current associated with a power source of said display means;

wherein said detection means is configured to receive data associated with said current from said sensing means and to determine said power status of said display means in accordance with said data associated with said current.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein said detection means is a set-top box.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein said set-top box is configured to provide cable television services to said display means.

18. The system of claim 15, wherein said display means is one of a television and a digital video recorder.

19. A system for determining a power status comprising:  
a first display device and a second display device;  
a first sensor and a second sensor configured to detect a first electrical current associated with said first display device and a second electrical current associated with said second display device; and  
a detection device communicatively coupled to said first display device, said second display device, said first sensor, and said second sensor;  
wherein said detection device is configured to receive data associated with said first electrical current and said second electrical current and to determine a first power status associated with said first display device and a second power status associated with said second display device in accordance with said data.

20. The system of claim 19, wherein said first display device is a television and said second display device is a television.

21. The system of claim 19, wherein said detection device is a set-top box configured to process cable television services.

22. The system of claim 19, wherein said detection device is configured to make a resource available to said second display device if said first power status indicates that said first display device is off.

23. The system of claim 22, wherein said resource is a tuner configured to receive a channel associated with television programming services.

24. The system of claim 19, further comprising a head-end unit, wherein said detection device is configured to download a data object from said head-end unit by an in-band frequency if said first power status indicates that said first display device is off and said second power status indicates that said second display device is off.

25. A processor-readable medium including processor instructions that instruct a processor to perform the steps of:

receiving a data signal associated with a current, said current being associated with a power source of a display device; and

determining a power status of said display device in accordance with said current.

26. The processor-readable medium of claim 25, wherein said determining said power status of said display device in accordance with said current includes comparing an attribute of said current to a predetermined threshold.

27. The processor-readable medium of claim 25, wherein said display device is one of a television and a digital video recorder.

28. The processor-readable medium of claim 25, further comprising transmitting said power status to a head-end unit.

29. The processor-readable medium of claim 25, further comprising conditioning a transmission of a signal to said display device upon said power status.